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SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. President, either I have the wrong information or Senator Marvel does. Let me go through these again for you in case that you missed what I said. The other technical schools, the total budget for western is 2.2 million dollars. Of that a million and a half is general fund money which is 67%. They have a property tax levy of \$470,000. Mid-plains \$2,088,000 and a million of that a million thirteen-thousand is state money which is 48% and they have a property tax of \$556,000. The budget at Central is \$4,693,000. This is the legislative staff recommendation for financing Nebraska Technical Colleges. Four million, six-hundred ninety-three thousand dollars, of that \$2,783,000 is state funds and 59%. They have a property tax of \$1,298,000. Northeast, \$2,578,000, a \$1,244,000 of state funds, 48%. The property tax of \$745,000. South-east \$4,777,000. State funds \$1,861,000. Property tax \$1,382,000. Eastern total budget of \$926,000. State funds \$53,000. 5.7% property \$704,000. Omaha \$1,948,219 in state funds which is 10% property and a.a.. \$810,000. Now who is kidding whom? Most of these run from 45 to 70% of state funding except in eastern where the average has to be around 6 or 7% of state participation. Now we have put this together as a program Senator Simpson helped sponsor it and said that we need one school up there. We have finally got that. Then it comes time for dollars then we start talking about those combined dollars for a budget the three million dollars that Senator Marvel was talking about is three million dollars in a total budget for that school. Of that three million dollars over a million and a half of it is property tax. There is no way that that could be fair. If the figures are incorrect, I would like to know. But would Senator Marvel yield for just a couple of questions? First of all Senator Marvel the three million dollars that you talked in terms of that is the total budget for the school, is that correct?

SENATOR MARVEL: \$3,219,832, and last year eastern had appropriated general fund money \$60,000.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: How much general fund money is going to the new metropolitan school?

SENATOR MARVEL: A....

SENATOR LEWIS: It is less than \$500,000, is that correct?

SENATOR MARVEL: Metropolitan area? Of the \$3,219,832, do you have that total figure?

SENATOR LEWIS: That is the information that I am seeking, I did not have a combined figure, go ahead.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK, of that we are talking about the Metropolitan area a \$1,037,188 is general fund money.

SENATOR LEWIS: The total budget is \$3,200,000....

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, and the cash is \$530,000 and federal funds \$136 almost \$137.

SENATOR LEWIS: What is property tax?

SENATOR MARVEL: One million, five. Now, I fail to see what you are getting upset about because what you are quoting is the law. That is the way the budgets have to be set up. You have got to